

An
"At-A-Glance"
Guide
of the
Neighborhood
Deputies Program

# NEIGHBORHOOD DEPUTIES PROGRAM (NDP)

The mission of the Neighborhood Deputies program is to motivate and organize residents through Code Enforcement education and training to improve their quality of life. We will utilize these tools in partnership with city services to achieve community pride.

## **CODE VIOLATIONS**

- Junk Vehicles
- Dilapidated Properties (Residential & Commercial)
  - Vacant Lots
    - Trees
  - Missing Addresses
  - Zoning Concerns

# PROGRAM PROCESS

#### **Educating Residents**

- Distribute Information
- Remind residents about CODES

### **Identifying the Violation**

- View from right of way
  - Don't be obvious

### Reporting the Violation

- Write down property address
- Check w/ office for open case

### Following up on Violation

- Revisit addresses to confirm compliance or not
- Revisit site after 2 or 3 weeks

### Creating a plan of action

- List community assets
  - Plan ahead

# BENEFITS of the NDP

- A clean neighborhood
- A safe neighborhood
- Learning your community
- Developing Relationships
- Improved market values

# COMMUNITY BENEFITS from the NDP

Monthly Housing/Zoning Code Education Series

Cleaner yards

Collaboration w/ Various organizations

# DO'S & DON'Ts

# <u>Do:</u>

- Check property from right of way
- Perform Deputy duties during daylight
  - Prepare reports accurately
  - Educate and distribute information
    - Make referrals when needed
      - Learn code information
    - Participate in fix-up & paint ups
      - Be friendly and helpful
  - Only identify clear code violations

### Don'ts:

- Report false information
- Harass, admonish or confront citizen violators
- Remove any signs from right of ways, private property, and commercial establishments. (Contact NDP office about illegal signs)
  - · Put yourself in a situation that could cause you physical harm
    - Identify a violation until you have viewed it thoroughly

# NEIGHBORHOOD DEPUTIES PROGRAM QUALIFICATIONS

- Applicant will be a law abiding City of Atlanta resident
- Minimum 18 years of age
- Applicant will be a Volunteer
- Term is one year, expiring one year from completed training
- Applicant's property must meet Housing Code standards
- Volunteers shall take full responsibility for injuries or damages incurred to themselves or their property in the execution of their duties

### **REGULATIONS**

- Deputies are responsible for reading and understanding code violations. Only legal violations shall be cited.
- Enforcement shall be carried out logically and objectively. Selective code enforcement shall be prohibited

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